

CLAIMS

1. A prehung patio door and retainer for retaining closure of the door during shipment from a factory site to a building site comprising:

a combination side by side window portion and pivotal door portion, a frame
5 surrounding said combination, and a metal mullion located between said portions, said pivotal door portion pivotal between closed and opened positions and in the closed position in alignment with said frame with a distal door edge in proximal adjacency to an edge of said mullion;

said door portion prepped to receive a door latch mechanism and as prepped,
10 including an edge bore extended into the door portion from said distal door edge, an elongate slot in said edge of said mullion defining opposed elongate edges, and locking clips secured to said elongate edges, a striker plate having a door latch opening, said locking clips cooperatively designed and positioned in said elongate slot securing the striker plate at a position to receive a door latch when installed in
15 said edge bore of said door portion; and

a retainer plug configured to slidably fit the edge bore, a protrudable end portion of said retainer plug configured to fit said door latch opening of said striker plate whereby said retainer plug can be inserted into the bore of said door edge with the door in an open position and with the protrudable end portion substantially
20 received in said bore to permit pivoting of the door to its closed position and which

thereafter permits slidable protrusion of said protrudable end portion into the latch opening of said striker plate.

2. A prehung patio door and retainer as defined in claim 1 wherein a keeper slot is provided in said plug and positioned between the mullion and door edge with the end portion extended into the latch opening, and a keeper inserted into
5 said keeper slot to resist return sliding of the plug in the edge bore.

3. A prehung patio door and retainer as defined in claim 2 wherein a cross bore is provided in the door for mounting a door handle of said latch mechanism, said plug exposed in part through said cross bore to permit gripping and
10 manual sliding of said plug within said edge bore.

4. A prehung patio door and retainer as defined in claim 3 wherein said keeper includes resilient projecting fingers that are squeezed together when inserted in the slot of the plug to resist but permit retraction of the keeper from the slot of the plug upon assembly of said door to a building wall.